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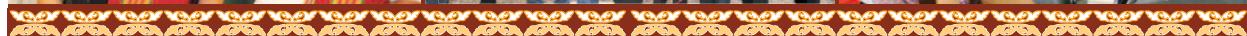
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Whiteagle sentenced for role in bribery scandal

Ken Luchterhand
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Tim Whiteagle, Ho-Chunk member convicted of a bribery scandal, was sentenced Oct. 24 in federal court to 10 years in prison with an addition three years of extended supervision.

He also was ordered to pay \$162,854 restitution to the Internal Revenue Service for unpaid taxes.

Whiteagle was sentence by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Conley for playing a central role in a bribery scheme involving contracts by vendors with the Ho-Chunk Nation.

A jury deliberated seven hours on August 1, 2012, at Whiteagle's trial before delivering a verdict of guilty.

According to the evidence given at the trial, Whiteagle solicited more than \$3 million in bribe money from companies wanting to do business with the Ho-Chunk Nation. Whiteagle gave Pettibone money, a car, vacation trips and NFL tickets. Pettibone was sentenced in July to 5 years in prison.

Whiteagle's girlfriend, Deb Ather-

ton, helped Whiteagle solicit the bribes from the companies from 2002 to 2009.

Judge said the guidelines for each of the counts against Whiteagle would total between 235-295 months, which equates to about 19 to 24 years.

The proceeding began with the prosecution offering its opinion on the degree of sentencing.

Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western Wisconsin, said that he recommended a more severe sentence because Whiteagle attempted to conceal his activity and blamed everyone else for the crimes he committed.

"He's sorry for his disgrace, but not for his disgraceful conduct. He blames everyone but himself and, most audacious, he blames the gift-giving of the Ho-Chunk Nation," Sinnott said. "He is not the victim that he tries to portray."

Brian Johnson, an account representative for Cash Systems, Inc., a check cashing service, who worked with the Ho-Chunk Nation, testified that he and his boss paid \$27,000 for an evening at a Minneapolis strip club where Whiteagle and Pettibone were entertained.

Johnson previously pleaded guilty to lying to an FBI agent about a kickback scheme in which he netted \$31,125 from Whiteagle by arranging to increase CSI's lobbying fees to Whiteagle, who shared the additional money with Johnson of Shakopee, MN.

In return, Pettibone, a tribal vice president and chairman of the tribe's finance committee, used his influence with the tribal legislature to award financial service contracts to Whiteagle's clients. Whiteagle was paid as much as \$22,000 monthly, according to court documents.

The difference between Whiteagle and Pettibone



is that Pettibone accepted responsibility, Sinnott said. Whiteagle was the architect of the plan, characterized a "mover and shaker."

Defense Attorney Guy Reynolds said that he has worked with Ho-Chunk clients for more than 20 years and he knows that Whiteagle was trying to do the best thing for his people.

"The tribe benefitted from this deal," Reynolds said. "These were good deals for the tribe."

However, Whiteagle is willing to accept his responsibility for the tax evasion and obstruction charges, he said.

"What about the bribes to Pettibone?" Judge Conley asked. "Your argument seems to be less of the defendants' guilt and more about the failure of you to educate the jury about the Ho-Chunk way. It's an offense to the court and the Ho-Chunk Nation."

"Your client is a bright man and he knew what he was doing," Judge Conley said. "Your client committed heinous crimes against his tribe."

"I ask you to give Mr. Whiteagle the benefit of the doubt," Reynolds said. "A sentence of 25 years would be so staggering. He thought he was doing the right thing. Essentially, it would be giv-

ing him a life sentence. It's unfair what the guidelines here are presenting."

Whiteagle was given an opportunity to speak on his own behalf before the sentence was issued.

"I'm sorry for what I did. I thought I was giving to Tae Kwon do," he said. "Clarence never asked for a dime."

"But you told the companies that you could influence Mr. Pettibone," Judge Conley said. "You gave him a car and cash. That's what I'm sentencing you on."

"I apologize what I've done," Whiteagle said. "Sometimes my brain doesn't recognize what I'm doing."

"I've seen some of the letters you've written to the companies. You certainly knew what you were doing. You were playing them like a Stradivarius," Judge Conley said. "I do recognize that you do have deep regret for how you pulled Mr. Pettibone down."

Reynolds pleaded how Whiteagle was born and raised in a stable environment, served in the military for seven months, has heart disease, Parkinson's disease and diabetes.

"You've proven yourself untrustworthy," Judge Conley said. "You're mostly interested in lining your own

pocket."

Judge Conley said he took into consideration Whiteagle's age, medical condition and this was his first encounter with the criminal justice system. He began reading the sentence for each of the counts against Whiteagle.

For Count 1, conspiracy to bribe an agent of tribal government, Whiteagle was sentenced to 60 months in

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Greetings to the Ho-Chunk People,

What an exciting time to be a part of the government! If you're not one for change, you may want to avert your eyes because we have new constitutional amendments and new policy initiatives from the General Council and change is in progress. We must fall in line with the Constitution and it's going to take a lot of cooperation from all branches to ensure our government is up to date with the wishes of the People, especially when they're expressed in our Constitution. We want to do it right and in a good way so we see the benefits these changes are anticipated to bring. I will provide some general expectations in response to the constitutional changes and GC 2012 resolutions.

Constitutional Amendments

Amendment A authorizes the GCA to hire, manage and supervise staff of the GCA to accomplish tasks of the General Council.

I anticipate the GCA will move forward on establishing supervisory policies in accordance with the employment laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Since the supervisors (GCA) are uniquely "non-employee/supervisors," the Nation employee(s), I would also anticipate the Legislature

to draft appropriate laws to accommodate the new structure.

Amendment B prohibits Legislators from seeking more than two consecutive terms (unless filling a vacancy). **Amendment C** prohibits the President from seeking more than two consecutive terms (unless filling a vacancy).

Amendment D states that the Chief Justice of the HCN Supreme Court must be a member of the HCN. **Amendment E** states that the HCN Trial Court Judges must be elected and members of the HCN and may NOT be appointed by the Legislature.

The Election Code will need to be amended so Election Board members take into the above changes into consideration when determining candidate eligibility.

Amendment F grants authority to the President to veto any action of the Legislature within 14 days (overturn by 2/3 vote of the Legislature).

Some procedures may be changed to ensure actions won't be subject to a veto but for the most part, I find this as a tool to increase the cooperation between both branches ensuring good planning, proper notice and tribal resources are available

when each commitment is made. I'm greatly looking forward to increasing the communication and collaboration with Legislative members.

Amendment G waives immunity from suit for cases brought by the General Council for Legislators and Officials and employees of the Executive Branch. Policy set by the General Council is to be made into laws, codes, ordinances, etc. within 45 days. Executive Branch is to enforce those in 60 days. Suits may be filed against elected officials for non-compliance. Supreme Court is granted original jurisdiction.

The courts may not accept a sovereign immunity claim when/if the General Council passes a resolution to file suit against those specifically listed. With regards to compliance [on resolutions] the Legislature may consider new procedures waiving the 45-day public notice [in the Legislative Organization Act] to meet the timeframe expressed in the amendment.

The Executive needs no procedure to enforce until notice of the codified law is made at which time the law will be enforced as required.

General Council Resolutions (2 requiring Executive action)

General Council policies related to home ownership and housing must be revised to meet the charge of eliminating the "defective aspects" of the Home Ownership Program and my offices will establish the quarterly bulletin for the Newsletter on the progress on revamping the law. We must also push the housing needs assessment tribal-wide and structure the program according to the needs of the Ho-Chunk People. This office will seek opportunities to collaborate with Legislators and program managers on a collective strategy that will work in statute, in operation and in service of those tribal members in need of housing.

In addition, the Dept. of Education has provided a careful analysis of the GC 2012 resolution in its charge to set up the "for profit" funding request to the FY 2013-2014 budget. There is much to consider with regards to the explicit text of the resolution beyond the budget request that will have significant impact on other aspects of higher education and the Establishment Act for which it operates. The department will coordinate with appropriate individuals to clarify any ambiguity to meet the spirit of the



Jon Greendeer

resolution.

The cups are full to the brim with obligations and for those who are familiar with the scene of public service, it's an expected norm but constitutions don't change every year but when they do, they are the priority. We also need to get our new Constitutions updated and published. So in short, expect busy representatives, office staff, attorneys, and of course, a President who will press on to meet these responsibilities and those yet to come.

In the Service of the People,
Thank you,

Jon Greendeer

Jon Greendeer
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

Dear Tribal Members;

It has been a while since I have written a letter. The Ho-Chunk Nation has far reaching endeavors, in which, the legislative and executive branch need to plan together because each has a distinct role which one has the role of implementation and the other branch has the duty to allocate sufficient funds. The originators of our government were looking out for the general welfare of all tribal members. The first General Council outlined the path that they want our Ho-Chunk People to take. There needs to be a qualitative analysis of the basic needs which include: education, housing, healthcare, general welfare and employment. Our founding originators worked tirelessly to achieve what was in the best interest of the Ho-Chunk People. The housing needs in the Wisconsin Dells area needs to be addressed by expansion of rental properties not through HUD but the tribe; healthcare needs of the elders and disabled tribal populous under the age of 60.

Recently at the General Council meeting, the tribal

members approved \$10M for the Home Ownership Program. This program is an excellent opportunity for the Ho-Chunk Nation to assist tribal members to become successful homeowners. In order for tribal members to become successful, the Home Ownership Program needs to educate prospective homeowners on their duties and responsibilities. The educational areas could include: financial counseling, basic home maintenance, budgeting for those cost associated with utilities, home owners insurance, and taxes. This program would have to be completed in its entirety. After successful completion of the Home Ownership Program the family be given a reward of value for their successful completion.

Healthcare is another critical issue that needs to be addressed and what associated costs are occurring with the tribal elder populous. The number of baby boomers will be rising within the next 5 years. The disabled tribal members under the age of 60 are faced with the effects of

diabetes and heart disease and these are becoming costly for this special populous.

Education is another focus for the Ho-Chunk Nation and identifying what positions Ho-Chunk Nation needs in the next 5 years and we have a responsibility to ensure that those young Ho-Chunk tribal members have adequate funding to reach their educational goals. Many of Ho-Chunk Nation Elders are pleased to see these young people returning to their communities.

Another goal that needs to be reached is the completion of the "Ki jire Naagu" which is achievable within the next 5 years. The original General Council Resolution passed in 2003 and 9 years has passed by and another General Council Resolution was approved for this project to be completed by year 2015. The Executive Branch has been delegated to undertake this project in year 2011.

In order for this be accomplished we must request our Legislative Branch to set aside funding on a yearly basis for the

next 3 to 5 years utilizing the Tax Code funds. There is another possible avenue to pursue for funding to request the Legislative Branch to have another "Ki jire Naagu" Resolution to have 10 cents per drink assessed on alcoholic beverages at our Ho-Chunk Gaming establishments specifically for "Ki jire Naagu".

Lynwood was purchased some time ago for over \$20M and Ho-Chunk Nation have been burdened with paying taxes every year since the property was purchased. There have been attempts to have sustainable income at this property to address the property tax issue which has not been fruitful. This property has been very costly for Ho-Chunk People. These costs could have easily paid for the "Ki jire Naagu."

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was recently granted to an "entity" and their main duty will be to complete the internal infrastructural issues. It will be imperative that we keep our Ho-Chunk Language, history, culture, belief system, and traditions

as the main focus of the "Ki jire Naagu". The mission statement for the "Ki jire Naagu" is as follows:

"Ki jire Naagu offers a nurturing pathway by helping people overcome their trauma and addictions by supporting emotional, mental, physical and spiritual health, utilizing Native American traditions and beliefs and individualized interventions."

The next phase will be in preparing the land and finding funding sources for "Ki jire Naagu" and begin marketing "Ki jire Naagu" and major fund raising efforts and commitment by our Ho-Chunk Nation Government which include both the Legislative and Executive Branches of government. The "Ki jire Naagu Planning Committee will be requesting assistance from all tribal members to assist in this effort to make "Ki jire Naagu" become a reality. It is time to move forward on this initiative.

Respectfully,
Roberta M. Decorah #1685



Inspiration for change provided at Journey of Hope Conference

Ken Lucherhand
Staff Writer

Learning to cope with diabetes has many facets, something that people gain through knowledge, dedication and encouragement. Those aspects were provided Nov. 8 and 9 at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Baraboo.

More than 280 people were given the chance to understand what is needed when it comes to diabetes when they attended the two-day 7th Annual Journey of Hope Conference. The attendance was the largest in the conference's history.

"Our main goal is to get diabetes education out to people," said Karen Thundercloud, Ho-Chunk diabetes project coordinator. "Each year we try to cover different topics. We focus on how to live well with diabetes. We don't want to dwell on the negative aspects."

The conference began on Nov. 8 with a keynote address by Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, followed by a panel discussion of Ho-Chunk members and how they

have learned to cope with diabetes. Breakout sessions on various topics were provided in the afternoon, including Tobacco Use, Holiday Eating, Aromatherapy, Giving Our Children the Best Start, Importance of Insulin and Staying Active in Winter.

President Greendeer gave his personal story of how he has dealt with being overweight and his smoking



Dave Nelson, program manager for Behavioral Health, tells the audience how to incorporate warrior wisdom of the martial arts and Zen principles into a philosophy of dealing with diabetes and pain.

and drinking.

In his early years after high school graduation, Greendeer considered himself a fantastic musician and breakdancer. But his life was going in the wrong direction, he said

He managed to stop his drinking, cut back his eating, exercise more and eventually quit smoking.

But when he wanted to change his life by going to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and studying to be a game warden, he found that he wasn't accepted because of marginal grades and the fact he had never taken the SAT test. After much struggling about the problem, he decided to attend a two-year college in Wausau with the hopes of eventually transferring to Stevens Point.

"I'm a father, older, bigger and had a 5-year-old daughter with no childcare," he said. "She had to come with me to classes."

Greendeer graduated from the two-year center campus and started on a career in Natural Resources, but found that he disliked chemistry and preferred political science. He became involved in politics and worked in the Diversity department.

"I was preparing myself as a weapon for my people," he said.

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Jess Jennings (left) and **Kathy Braaten** provide advice for creating holiday food and drinks that work with the dietary needs of people with diabetes. Their presentation was one of the many break-out sessions provided at the conference.



Shawn Nadeau, community health nurse, provides a massage to a conference attendee to relieve her stress. Massages were provided during the first day of the conference.

What you can do for your loved one with Diabetes

Submitted by Karena Thundercloud, Diabetes Project Coordinator

If your mother, father, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother or another loved one has diabetes, there are things you can do to help. First, try to understand how it feels to have diabetes. **Some people might feel:**

- In denial
- A lack of control
- Overwhelmed
- Scared
- Depressed
- Angry

There are things a person can do to live a healthy life with diabetes. **This is what your loved one might be doing every day:**

- Testing blood sugar several times each day
- Changing their eating habits to eat foods with less sugar and fat
- Changing their eating habits to include more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein
- Being more active by walking, working out at a wellness center, splitting wood, etc.
- Resting when needed and trying not to get "stressed out"
- Going to medical appointments more often
- Taking diabetes pills every day or giving themselves insulin shots

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**I am not defined by diabetes.
I have learned to manage it,
and my life goes on in a good way.**

**I am strong and confident.
I will live a long, healthy life with diabetes.**

**November is National Diabetes Month.
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Higher Education Hires Student Advisors

Submitted by: Marcus F. Lewis, MM

The Ho-Chunk Higher Education Division hired three advisors to address the ever-changing needs of our postsecondary students. The advisors are committed to the success of Ho-Chunk students and have been developing programming, events, and other ways to help enrolled members apply to college, succeed in college, and graduate. This article will introduce you to our new advising staff and give you some insight into their background and their educational journeys.

Dan Libke, Career Advisor

Dan Libke's Ho-Chunk Name is Whirling Thunder. He was given that name by his grandfather, Samuel Lonetree, on his twenty-first birthday. At that time, he was a successful amateur boxer, winning two state championships and having just returned from the 1992 US Olympic Trials. Sam said the way Dan moved when he boxed reminded him of a storm coming. After that day, Dan always had his Ho-Chunk name stitched to his

boxing trunks. He added another state title in 1994.

Dan has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. He also attended one year of graduate school at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee with an emphasis in history. He travelled to and lived in Prague, Czech Republic to become a certified TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) instructor in 2005.

Dan served in the military for nine years, first in the WI Army National Guard as a Combat Engineer, and later in the US Army Reserves as an MP.

Dan has worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation since December 1999 when he became a Youth Coordinator in Wisconsin Rapids. He has since held many positions in the Nation beyond the Youth Coordinator position. His current position is as the Career Advisor, and this position is designed to work with students who have either already graduated with a higher degree, or are currently attending a college. Dan also works with returning adults who need to access

the Education Department and its resources to gain the education necessary to obtain employment within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Dan works in triumvirate with a Pre-College Advisor and an Academic Advisor. These new positions are designed to assist our Ho-Chunk students in successfully completing their college programs and then reintegrate them into our work force.

Mandy Youngthunder, Academic Advisor

Mandy Smith grew up in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Upon graduation from Logan High School, she started her undergraduate studies at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. As an art major, Mandy participated in two Study Tours in Europe. The first tour took place in Italy observing Baroque and Renaissance Art in Rome, Florence, and Venice. Her second study tour took her to explore the English country side in the Lake District, UK, and the large city of Edinburgh, Scotland. Mandy graduated from the UW-L with a Bachelor of Science

in Art with an emphasis in Metalsmithing and Painting.

After achieving her undergraduate degree, Mandy decided it was time for a change and wanted to pursue a Master's degree in another state.

With the experience of going to a public university, she decided to enroll at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, D.C. to pursue her Master's of Arts in Teaching degree. During her time in DC, she worked as a Museum Teacher at the National Building Museum. Mandy received her Master's degree in August 2011. Studying and working in Washington, D.C. was an invaluable experience and she encourages people to go to college "away from home."

Currently, Mandy works as the Academic Advisor for the Higher Education Division. It is her goal to help students achieve their academic goals and pursue opportunities offered by the colleges; for example, student organizations, study abroad, tutoring, etc. Mandy will work closely with students and their respective schools to make sure their academic

needs are met.

Jordan Kappen, Recruitment and Pre-College Advisor

Recruitment and Pre-College Advisor Jordan Kappen joined the Higher Education Division in early June 2012. For fun, he likes coaching and playing basketball. Kappen graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire in 2010 and has held many positions dedicated to working with youth. He is excited about his new position because it can be rewarding, yet challenging.

He provides services to students and families to build college aspirations, readiness, and awareness. His new position will also consist of advising prospective college students in one on one and group settings, assisting in the college selection process, facilitating college campus visits, and planning education and career-based events.

For further information, all the advisors can be reached at (800) 362-4476.

Kendra Greendeer, Ho-Chunk Student in Santa Fe



Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

The Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development (IAIA), is one of 36 tribal colleges located in the United States. IAIA is a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

IAIA was established in 1962 during the administration of President John F. Kennedy and opened on the campus of the Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico. It was first a high school formed under the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Tribal member Kendra Greendeer, daughter of Janet and Conroy Greendeer Sr., finally settled on studying at this prestigious campus after graduating from Baraboo High School in 2007 and a short stay at MATC afterward.

In high school she explains she wasn't sure what she wanted to do after she graduated but knew she wanted to continue her schooling. After taking classes and waiting to find out what doors may open, she spoke to family and friends about her interest in museum studies and found out that

IAIA was a good fit.

She enrolled and got accepted and in the Spring of 2011 she moved to Santa Fe to start classes.

Her father Conroy Sr. attended school there for a couple of years and her uncle George Greendeer actually graduated from this, one of the finest Native art schools in the Nation. She also said that her aunt Sharon also holds a degree from the Institute.

She has only three semesters till she gets her degree and would like to come back here after she graduates and help the tribe set up their own cultural center.

When asked about what she missed about Wisconsin, she said "the trees."

Of course she misses her family and the natural beauty of the state.

When she was in high school she said she wasn't really involved in any extracurricular activities but since attending IAIA she has made herself available for many projects including a mentor advisor committee that focuses on helping new students that come off of the reservation, deal with being away from family and home.

She is in a place where she has many opportunities and she likes the access to many museums and art galleries. Her plans are to get her education finished and end up working in some sort of cultural center, hopefully for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Where ever she ends up

she will be a fine example of another Ho-Chunk student taking advantage of opportunities and going out and being a fine example to other native youth.

Kendra encourages Native youth to stay in school and to follow their dreams. "Take every opportunity that comes, because you never know when another chance will come along."

She isn't sure if she wants to teach but she would like to incorporate more cultural studies in her museum training and teachings if she goes in that direction.

Kendra is believed to one of the few tribal members attending the school at this time.

Many of the country's most illustrious contemporary American Indian artists, poets, writers, musicians and cultural leaders are IAIA alumni, while others are affiliated with IAIA as faculty, staff, visiting artists and scholars. Among these are Dan Namingha, Fritz Scholder, David Bradley, Doug Hyde, Allan Houser, Charles Loloma, Oteilie Loloma, Earl Biss, T.C. Cannon, Sheldon Peters Wolfchild, Darren Vigil Gray, Sherwin Bitsui, Rose Simpson, Patty Harjo, Bill Prokopiof, Kevin Red Star, Joy Harjo, Irvin Morris and many more!

We may soon see another tribal member added to this accomplished list.



For-Profit Higher Education Update

Submitted by: Marcus F. Lewis, Higher Education Division Manager

The Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department has been working to develop policies to enact General Council Resolution 9-22-2012-2. The Higher Education Division is gathering information and will entertain presentations from several for-profit schools, including Globe University, Madison Media Institute, and the University of Phoenix. We have also reached out to Herzing College and Cappella University requesting presentations.

As we continue to conduct our research, the Ho-Chunk membership should know that we are working to craft a policy that will best serve the needs of our postsecondary students. Inquiries regarding for-profit schools should be addressed to Marcus Lewis, Higher Education Division Manager. You may contact him via telephone at (800) 362-4476 or email at marcus.lewis@ho-chunk.com.

Ho Chunk to build new facility for Head Start

Submitted by Anna Krejci,
Dells Events

The town of Delton Plan Commission approved rezoning requests for a new Head Start building on Fern Dell Road and 12 residential lots as requested by the Ho Chunk Nation at a meeting Tuesday.

The property is referred to as the Allan property at E10701 Fern Dell Road.

The move to approve the rezoning requests doesn't give an OK for the whole project as the town's zoning administrator, Rob Roth, said the town still has to study the plat and discuss trust land issues that usually come up with Ho Chunk Nation requests.

Commission members gave unanimous approval for the rezoning requests for the Head Start building and 12 residential lots that are about

2 acres in size, although a motion for approval of the rezone from agricultural to single family residential for the residential lots stipulated that the plat has to come back before the commission.

The plan commission approved the rezone request for Head Start facility from agricultural to residential, a zoning category where the school is a permitted use.

Laurel Meek, who said she has been Head Start director for the Ho Chunk Nation for 11 years, spoke in favor of the project and answered questions about it during a public hearing preceding the plan commission's voting.

She said the Head Start isn't limited to Ho Chunk Nation members and has state and tribal funding.

"The primary thing that we look at is if the student meets income eligibility

requirements and that is 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines," she said.

She said the maximum number of students the school can have is 20 if the majority are 4 years old and 17 if the majority are 3 years old.

The Ho Chunk Nation has six Head Start facilities, two in Black River Falls and one each in Tomah, Nekoosa, Wittenburg and near Christmas Mountain Village Resort. She said the one near Christmas Mountain Village would be replaced with the new Head Start building being discussed at the meeting.

Meek responded to a question about what the school would do if it's funding is dropped.

"The federal program is going to a five-year grant cycle instead as opposed to a three-year so I'm fairly confident that at least for the

next five years our federal funding is in place, but if not I would have to beg of the nation for support," she said.

She added, if current funding levels decrease, the facility could operate if it could form some more partnerships.

Meek said staff is at the Head Start from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and students are there from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., except on Fridays when there is no service for students.

The school year starts after Labor Day and ends in the second week of May, she said.

Commission member Bill Ryan said because students ride on buses to the school the plans address safety issues because students shouldn't have to cross roads. He had also asked if large food service trucks make deliveries to the school, and Meek said

they don't have large trucks coming.

Commission members Pete Tollaksen and Roman Statz said the plans submitted for the commission meeting didn't have any problems with them.

Commission members discussed stormwater issues, public utility easements and whether there is an intent to connect Giebel Court to a new road that would go in with the developments and the pros and cons of having two entrances the property.

Roth said it was good to bring up the issues at Tuesday's meeting so the Ho-Chunk Nation representatives can think about them. The issues will be dealt with in more detail when the plat is discussed.

College students join culture with education

Ken Luchterhand, Staff Writer

There's a group of people on the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse campus who are hoping learning and culture can go hand-in-hand.

It's the Native American Student Association (NASA) and they're hoping more students at the three educational facilities, UW-La Crosse, Viterbo and Western Technical College, will benefit from the activities they have to offer.

"I saw the benefit this organization had for Native American students who weren't from this area," said Amanda De Cora, chairman of the organization. "I know that if I was going to school far away from my family and community, I would do better if I had an organization like this to join that provided that feeling of a native community. Although I have that sense of community here in La Crosse without NASA, there may be native students from other areas of the country who don't. That is who we are trying to reach out to."

NASA has been a part of the La Crosse community since the 1980s, she said. The group is now comprised of about eight students and is open to anyone, including people from the community, regardless of race or enrollment in higher education.

"I became involved with NASA because my cousins strongly encouraged me to," said Melina Scheurich, who attends classes at Viterbo University. "I love that it's a community that I relate to. There are barely any natives at Viterbo, so when I found out about NASA, I knew I wanted to join."

Diana Moran Thundercloud, a UW-La Crosse and UW-Madison alumni is the advisor for the group. She is a professor at UW-La Crosse, teaching with the Department of Racial and Ethnic Studies. She also is the Bilingual Education Manager for the Hocak Waaaziija Haci Division in Mauston.

"I want students to understand you can have a college education and also walk the other road – the road of culture, tradition and spirituality," Moran said. "The focus for NASA is to re-organize (at this point), conduct native student recruitment, and make stronger connections to the Ho-Chunk Nation and various tribes in the region and state. Students are re-visioning what they want NASA's role on the campus and in the community. They also work hard to balance out NASA with their own critical studies and family life."

Having a 'family' at college is important to some students so that life away from home is not so intimidating.

"The purpose of NASA is to give other native students a 'home away from home.' It's hard even going to Viterbo and finding other students I can relate to, and NASA gives me a place that I can be myself around," Scheurich said.

Also, the NASA organization provides plenty of opportunity for education pertaining to the values of Native Americans.

"Some of the activities that I have had the privilege of participating in a trip to the Penokee Hills to tour the area that would have been destroyed if the proposed taconite mine had gone in," De Cora said. "We saw first-hand how close the mine would have been to the source of the Bad River, which would have been devastated by the waste from the mine."

Because of her experiences with the organization, De Cora has been more active in communicating with Wisconsin politicians regarding environmental issues, she said. Also, she attended the 17th Annual Building Bridges Conference in Gustavus Adolphus College where she listened to keynote speakers Charlotte Black Elk and John Trudell.

"NASA members were able to bring ideas that were discussed back to this campus and share them with people we interact with," De Cora said.

Another activity NASA becomes involved with is an Indigenous Peoples Day, including an Anti-Columbus Day march, along with a speaker who addresses an environmental issue.

"This year we were lucky enough to have Dr. Al Gedicks as our keynote speaker. Gedicks has written two books on the conflicts between indigenous communities and multinational mining and oil corporations," De Cora said. "He also produced and directed an award-winning documentary on the Crandon mine conflict called 'Keepers of the Water.'

Another annual event held by NASA is a "Rethinking Thanksgiving" meal where they strive to educate student and community members about the true history of Thanksgiving, she said. NASA members also collaborate with the Hmong Mutual Association and many other organizations, including the Ho-Chunk Nation, to produce the Act 31 Widening the Circle conference every year in La



Diana Moran Thundercloud (left) explains an important point to members of the Native American Student Association during a recent meeting. Members present are (clockwise from Thundercloud) Melina Scheurich, Stella Kruse, Amanda De Cora, Adam Kruse and Matt Stewart.

Crosse.

"The best part of NASA is knowing that we provide opportunities for the student body at UW-La Crosse to learn about current Native issues and Native American culture and history," De Cora said.

"I would tell people who are interested that, when joining NASA, you will have a lot of opportunities to learn not only about the history of Native American, but also contemporary issues facing us today," she said.

And, when it all boils down to why people belong to NASA, it's all about combining education with enjoying life on campus.

"It's really a fun group, and even though I only joined a couple of weeks ago, we've met three times and it's already been pretty fun," Scheurich said.

For more information on NASA, contact De Cora at decora.aman@uwlax.edu or Adam Kruse at kruse1@students.westernmtc.edu.

Partners in Parenting:

Partners in Parenting (PIP) is a fun way to meet other parents, learn something new, and have lunch on us! A new topic related to parenting will be presented each month. Native American parents and children are welcome. Raffles and prizes at each session! Lunch is served by the HCN Nutrition Program.

All sessions meet 1130AM-1PM.

House of Wellness, in the Alberta Day Room:

November 29th: "Healthy Eating" with House of Wellness Nutritionist, Nicholle Oman
December 13th: TBA, due to holiday please note earlier date!

BRF, in the Community Health Classroom:

December 11th: "Healthy Eating" with BRF Nutritionist, Kathy Braaten

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General Council Analysis

On September 22, 2012 the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council held its annual meeting at the Ho-Chunk Casino Hotel, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. The Department of Justice, through the Attorney General traditionally prepares an opinion for the President and Legislature about each General Council Resolution. The purpose of the opinion is to assist the Legislature in determining what type of action, if any, can be taken on the resolutions. The official General Council minutes were provided by the General Council Agency. No opinions are rendered on resolutions that failed to be adopted. The defeat of a resolution does not mean that the opposite meaning of the resolution was adopted.

The table below summarized the constitutional powers of the General Council. It is followed by a more detailed explanation of each power.

Powers of the General Council:

- *Set Policy
- *Review and Reverse Legislative Action and Return to Legislature for Reconsideration
- *Establish Procedures for the General Council
- *Call Special Elections
- *Remove Legislators
- *Remove the President
- *Propose amendments to the Constitution by calling for a Secretarial Election
- *Remove ineligible tribal members from the membership roll

General Council does NOT have the following powers:

- *To Enact Law (power of the Legislature)
- *To appropriate funds (power of the Legislature)
- * To Enforce laws and administer funds (power of the President)
- *To Review actions for hiring/firing personnel (Power of the President)
- *To Set salaries, terms and conditions of employment for government personnel (power of the Legislature)
- *To Set Legislative procedures, officers, or codes of conduct (power of the Legislature)
- *To Selection and hire personnel (power of the President)

Policy Setting Power:

The General Council articulates its wishes by voting on policy. A policy is not a law, and can only be carried out by enactment of law by the Legislature.

Power to Set Own Procedures:

Requires no enactment of law. Takes effect upon vote of the General Council.

Power Reserved Only to the General Council: Currently there are two distinct powers that the General Council possesses that cannot be accomplished by any other branch of government and those are General Council Removal of Elected Officials and Enrollment Issues regarding certain types of re-enrollment and more specifically, removing ineligible tribal members from the Ho-Chunk Nation membership rolls. The General Council might consider placing such business close to the front of the agenda to insure that those duties specifically assigned to General Council get addressed at every Annual General Council Meeting. Clearly, it is up to the General Council itself to set their own agenda and this is only given as a suggestion for future meetings.

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General Council Analysis

09-22-12-1

Resolution, Disenrollment of Powell Grey Littlejohn, ID #439A005906

This action by the General Council is a completion of the removal process laid out in the Membership Code. The removal cannot be completed without a vote of 2/3 of the General Council. This resolution passed with the requisite number of votes and the person listed above is no longer an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

There were 1,355 votes cast and the Resolution was **PASSED** with a vote of 943 Yes or Accept, 279 No or Reject, and 133 Abstain.

09-22-12-2

Resolution, A Request That the Legislature Create a New Line Item For the Department of Education Budget-Allowing Financing For the For-Profit Post High School Educational Institutions

A resolution that requires the Legislature to expend funds can be taken by the Legislature as a policy where the General Council wants to see action. Constitutionally, however, only the Legislature has the authority to expend funds. Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution states that the Legislature shall have the power to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget. The Legislature is privy to financial information and expenses as well as other debts of the Nation that are necessary to analyze to determine whether an additional expenditure is possible.

Since the Legislature has the authority to appropriate funds under the Constitution, Article V, Section 2(d), they should consider the request but may still deny said request if not economically feasible.

In this particular resolution there are provisions that require actions by the Executive and Legislative branches. The Legislature must enact legislation to fund higher education students seeking education learning in for profit educational institutions. The purpose of such legislation is to provide funding for students. This part of the Resolution theoretically can be accomplished in ninety (90) days provided draft legislation already exists. Further, the Legislature also requires a forty-five (45) day comment period as part of their codified process for enacting new or amended legislation. If the legislation is not currently drafted, there is an approximate one (1) month time frame for doing so in order to meet the 45 day public comment period. Although the length of time to enact legislation can sometimes seem frustrating, a speedily drafted piece of legislation is not always ideal and often ends up creating situations that end up as the subject of litigation.

The Resolution states that failure to accomplish the actions in the resolution within 90 days shall constitute malfeasance. The resolution also states that the Executive Director of Education will be requesting the funding during the next budget appropriation cycle, which is more than ninety (90) days out making part of the resolution impossible to accomplish in the stated time frame.

There is also a provision within this resolution that requires that the President direct the Executive Branch to amend any and all policies, procedures, and guidelines requiring any Legislation must contain a provision that a search was performed and that it does not conflict with General Council Resolutions. It is not

entirely clear what this means. It possibly means that any departmental policies and procedures not conflict with General Council resolutions. It is also not clear whether this provision applies to just the subject matter of this resolutions which is the Education Department or if this one provision is directed at all the Executive Branch Departments. If it is directed at all departments it would seem the more proper subject of its own resolution rather than being couched within a resolution that deals with the Education Department. If what is stated above is actually the intent of this provision, then it should also be made clear that departmental policies should not conflict with the laws of the Nation and not just General Council resolutions.

There were 1,329 votes cast and the Resolution was **PASSED** with 758 Yes or Accept, 448 No or Reject, and 123 Abstain.

09-22-12-3

Resolution, A Request That the Legislature Create a New Department Titled The Department of Native Youth Services

No Legislative Action is necessary because this resolution was defeated.

There were 1,179 votes cast and the Resolution was **DEFEATED** with 262 Yes or Accept, 862 No or Reject, and 55 Abstain.

09-22-12-4

Resolution To Require an Enrollment Hearing prior to any Intended General Council Resolution to Remove a Tribal Member from Enrollment

No Legislative Action is necessary because this resolution was defeated.

There were 1,253 votes cast, and the resolution was **DEFEATED** by a vote of 367 Yes or Accept, 800 No or Reject, and 86 Abstain.

09-22-12-5

Resolution, FY 2013-2014 Home Ownership Expansion Authorization

This resolution "directs" the Legislature to allocate \$10,000,000 into the FY 13-14 Housing budget for the purpose of providing up to approximately 65 additional homes for Ho-Chunk tribal members. As stated in the analysis of many similar General Council Resolutions past and present, the General Council can set the policy and it is clear that the General Council favors an increased Housing budget and additional homes be provided to Ho-Chunk tribal members, but it is clearly a Legislative function under the Constitution to appropriate funds and if the Legislature determines that it is not feasible said funds do not have to be appropriated.

As stated above with the previous General Council Resolution, 09-22-12-3, a resolution that requires the Legislature to expend funds can be taken by the Legislature as a policy where the General Council wants to see action. Constitutionally, however, only the Legislature has the authority to expend funds. The Legislature is privy to financial information and expenses as well as other debts of the Nation that are necessary to analyze to determine whether an additional expenditure is possible.

Since the Legislature has the authority to appropriate funds under the Constitution, Article V, Section 2(d), they should consider the request but may still deny said request if not economically feasible.

This resolution also requests that tribal members in the fourteen (14) county service area in need of housing be identified. Further, the resolution requires that the "defective" aspects of the Home Ownership Program's Policies and Procedures Manual be re-vamped. The resolution does not make clear which parts of the HOP manual are specifically defective. However, amending the policy and streamlining those portions which appear cumbersome and confusing could be accomplished and perhaps that would be enough to eliminate those "defective" parts of the HOP manual. In addition to eliminating the defective portions of the HOP manual the amendment should also include sanctions against favoritism shown to families and relatives of program directors and presidential administrations.

The resolution lastly requests the Office of the President to issue quarterly reports to the general tribal membership in the newsletter so that membership is informed of compliance with this resolution.

There were 1,203 votes cast, and the resolution was **PASSED** by a vote of 565 Yes or Accept, 542 No or Reject, and 96 Abstain.

09-22-12-6

Resolution, Hocak Wazijcaci Nation Veterans Reconstruction Initiative

No Legislative Action is necessary because this resolution was defeated.

There were 1,237 votes cast, and the resolution was **DEFEATED** by a vote of 383 Yes or Accept, 722 No or Reject, and 132 Abstain.

09-22-12-7

Resolution, Dissolution of GCA AND Establishment of General Council Planners (GCP)

No Action is necessary because this resolution was defeated.

There were 1,318 votes cast, and the resolution was **DEFEATED** by a vote of 416 Yes or Accept, 801 No or Reject, and 101 Abstain.

09-22-12-8

A Resolution Amending the Constitution and Reversing a Decision of the Legislature Expressly Providing General Council the Ability to Hire Independent Legal Council (sic) without Legislative Interference

No Action is necessary because this resolution was defeated. Without a Secretarial Election to amend the Constitution, the Legislature still retains the authority under Article V, Section 2(j), to authorize and appropriate funds to employ legal counsel in accordance with applicable law. Applicable law is inclusive of the Constitution which also states at Article V, Section 2(i) that the Legislature also has the power to negotiate and enter into contracts with individuals, which includes attorneys. This does not only apply to outside attorneys or outside employees. All the other branches of government contain personnel where a contract was entered into and negotiated by the Legislature, including, Attorney General, Legislative Counsel and Chief Judge of the Trial Court.

There were 1,309 votes cast, and the resolution was **DEFEATED** by a vote of 364 Yes or Accept, 804 No or Reject, and 141 Abstain.

09-22-12-9

A Resolution to Recall Legislator Heather Cloud, District 3

No Action is necessary because the meeting adjourned prior to any General Council action on this resolution.

The Hat Maker

Nate Funmaker is a craftsman, not a cowboy

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The sound of cowboy boots walking across the hardwood floor echo in the old building.

The row of cowboy hats hung on the wall add to the rustic western feel.

A pair of guard kittys at Nathaniel's of Colorado volunteer to be pampered. Siblings Whiskey and Sahara can be seen lounging in the large front display windows at all hours of the day and night.

In the back of Nathaniel's, Nate Funmaker waits for the customer. You'd probably expect the veteran hat maker to be wearing a cowboy hat of his own making.

Instead, the 47-year-old Mancos man offers a slight smile. "I'm a ball cap guy," he says.

The statement sums up who he is more than one might think.

Of course, Funmaker has several cowboy hats that he wears. He looks good in a western hat. He's comfortable and at ease under his favorite gray rabbit-beaver fur blend hat.

His philosophy is pretty darn simple.

"I'm not a cowboy, I'm a craftsman," he says.

Nate Funmaker is a Native American who has been making hats for 18 years.

"Yeah, that's a little different," he says about being a Native American western hat maker. "But it's what I know."

The customer is Tim Guill, a 58-year-old Durango

attorney. He's a Texas guy and it's his boots that echo on the hardwood floor. Texas guys know a thing or two about cowboy hats and boots.

"I looked around a lot," he says about his quest to find a hat maker. "He has a great reputation and that's what brought me here."

His wife Genevieve Guill and her daughter, 19-year-old Kateri Toledo are picking up new hats made by Funmaker.

Thanks to this cost-effectiveness and high-production era, the sun is setting on the individual hat maker.

"The two crafts that we seem to be running out of are good boot makers and good hat makers. I'm a fan of both," Tim Guill says with a smile.

Funmaker may not be a cowboy but the self-confessed ball cap guy, makes a mighty



Nate Funmaker stands in front of one of the mirrors used by customers to view their hat.

fine cowboy hat.

"I've been doing this for 18 years," he says. "It's a passion."

He estimates that a hat maker takes more than three years to get a good handle on the craft.

He watches as Genevieve carefully examines her new hat in the mirror. Pulling it down, thoroughly studying it from side to side.

Funmaker watches, then immediately notices that the hat appears to be a little snug.

"I think we should take it out a little," he says.

Retreating to the back room, steam hisses as Funmaker works on the hat.

The back room has more than 50 rounded wooden blocks of every shape and size. The wooden blocks are used to mold the crown part.

It's about an eight-hour process to make a hat but Funmaker usually works on multiple hats at the same time, each one in a different stage of the process.

"It's pretty labor intensive, but I'm used to it," he says.

As a master hat maker, Funmaker knows his profession is eroding but he's not planning on hanging up the craft anytime soon.

"I've always said that if I lose my passion for it, I'll go and do something else. But I don't really know what else I would do. This is what I know," he says with a grin.

Hats are to be worn.

Funmaker learned from the previous owner, then bought out the business 12 years ago.

He's a hat maker, a craftsman who sells his



Steam rises as Nate Funmaker prepares to shape a hat in the steamer.

expertise.

Getting a sale is important, but he wants the customer to wear his hat after the purchase. The last thing

Funmaker wants is for the hat to sit on the closet's top shelf instead atop someone's head.

"A good hat doesn't mean I made the hat," he says. "Good means that it's balanced for the person."

"I want them to feel comfortable with the purchase. I'm never going to force someone into buying a hat, because they need to be comfortable with the hat. Otherwise they aren't going to wear it."

Kateri's black hat is also a little snug.

Funmaker first measures Kateri's head. Then his fingers go to work manipulating small levers on a 117-year-old contraption. The 1895 device still gets the most accurate hat size for a person, Nate says.

Back in 1895, a perfect fitting cowboy hat was pretty essential.

The hat size is modified. Now for the shape. Back to the steam machine.

Kateri takes the newly formed hat and looks at herself in the mirror. After close examination, she smiles.

"I like it," she says.

Another pair of satisfied customers.

"I love the shape of my hat," Genevieve says of her gray hat. "It feels good, it's very comfortable. He does a really good job."

Funmaker is pleased and encouraged that these hats won't end up stuffed in a closet or will be left to wilt and whither in the backseat of a car.

PRIDE IN HIS WORK

Nate takes pride in knowing who he is. Not a cowboy but a heck of a cowboy hat maker.

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Kim Hall-Crowley has her roots in basket making

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

For the Ho-Chunk Nation, basket making has played an important role in tribal culture for hundreds of years.

Today there are believed to be only about 14 members of the tribe that are still active basket makers.

Kim Hall Crowley comes from one of these families that have been producing these finely crafted pieces for years. Growing up in Wittenberg, the daughter of Sidney Sr. and Christine Hall has been making baskets since around 12 years of age. During that time, she remembers her

mother being too busy making baskets to have time to teach young Kim, she explains.

"My mom told me if I wanted to learn I would have to just sit and watch her."

So that is what she did. She learned from watching her mom craft her baskets.

After a time of watching and learning she was busy with her own baskets. When her mother told her there was a customer from Winnebago that wanted baskets, well that was all the motivation she needed. She worked on about 20 small baskets and when the Hall family brought down their work, the customer

bought them all.

Kim said that there was no need for her to ask her folks for money, now that she had a way to make her own. At the time she didn't realize that this was a part of Ho-Chunk life and how it would become a treasured tradition. She just knew that now she had a way to make her own money.

Many tribal members supported themselves the same way back in the day.

Kim said she, like her mom, didn't have a lot of time to teach her kids so she told them that if they wanted to learn they would have to take the time to watch and learn.

Her oldest daughter Tina and daughter Sarah have followed this proud family's tradition and continues to learn and perfect this art that was once a part of everyday Ho-Chunk life.

Today Kim spends what time she has making baskets, raising a family and watching her daughters carry on this tradition that has been a part of the Hall family for many years.

She remembered attending a showing at UW Milwaukee to see a basket making demonstration by Violet White Wing, another very talented Ho-Chunk artist.



A cradle from the Hall collection

Kim spent time watching her make baskets. She said she did learn some tricks and was fascinated watching someone other than her mother put baskets together.

Kim said that her mom must have learned the art by watching her mother.

Lula Rockman Link, another talented basket maker.

Kim realized the importance of keeping this alive and has taken the time to not only teach, but volunteer her services to Youth Centers and other classes.

She believes with the help of the Nation and the

participation of youth groups she and other teachers may still able to produce a group of artists to carry on this craft.

Kim, with the help of the Wisconsin Dells school system was able to hold classes with local high school art teachers to make this available to students who would like to learn how to make baskets.

All of these actions are about one thing, not letting this practice be a thing of the past. The Hall family and all tribal members who still are passionate about this art form are to be commended.



From the Hall family

Ho-Chunk Police Department swears-in new Police Chief and Patrolman

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On October 26, the Ho-Chunk Nation swore in a new Chief of Police and the first Patrol man of the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department at an 11 am Oath of Office ceremony inside the bingo hall of Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls. Earl Lemieux was sworn in as Chief of Police and Zack Quackenbush was sworn in as the police department's first Patrol man. The Honorable Judge Amanda Rockman

administered the oath of office.

The two gentlemen were joined by family and friends, Ho-Chunk Nation officials, employees, and tribal members, and members of the law enforcement community for the swearing in ceremony. The Jackson County Sheriff's Department color guard had the honors of presenting the colors for the ceremony. The Little Thunder drum group provided songs for the ceremony.

Vice President Greg

Blackdeer served as the emcee for the Oath of Office ceremony. Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek provided opening remarks. Mr. Dennis Funmaker offered his views, opinions, and the prayer. Funmaker said, "It would be remiss if I didn't say a few words." Funmaker noted that the Ho-Chunk Nation has agreements with various law enforcement agencies. He said, "Counties like Shawano and Sauk need to read the agreement and cooperate with them."

Blackdeer gave the two sometime at the microphone to say a few words. Patrol man Quackenbush was brief and to the point. He said, "I'd like to thank my family for coming. I appreciate it. Thank you all for coming."

Chief of Police Lemieux thanked the other law enforcement agencies that were present and that assisted the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department as it's forming and growing. Lemieux said, "We are almost up and fully running. I hope make our

Police Department one you can be proud of."

Ho-Chunk Nation President, Jon Greendeer, addressed the two gentlemen. He said, "I stood in this spot, when I took my oath of office. This is not a contract. It's a promise to the people (of the Ho-Chunk Nation). These two guys have the qualities to fulfill this promise. They are creating administrative policies from the ground up. Thank you

for protecting and serving the Ho-Chunk people. Wear your shield and badge proudly."

Mr. Morgan WhiteEagle offered the prayer over the meal. Lemieux and Quackenbush were honored by eating first. Following the meal, Little Thunder sang the thank you song. The Jackson County Sheriff's Department color guard retreated the colors.



The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department gets a new Chief of Police and Patrol man.



Earl Lemieux being sworn in as the new Chief of Police.



Zack Quackenbush during the oath of office.



Law Enforcement agencies come to celebrate new Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department Chief of Police and Patrol man.

Diabetes

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Through his studies and his efforts, Greendeer gained a job as executive administrative officer with the Ho-Chunk Nation, next in command to the president.

Greendeer's message is that change often does not come easily, but requires a concerted effort, even when it comes to lifestyle changes in connection with diabetes.

"I'm concerned about how we go about our lives each day – the little things like not smoking in front of our kids. Like going to this conference and that people will think this is important to you," he said. "We need to look at our lives as a holistic environment and make changes that are beneficial to us."

On the second day, Dave Nelson spoke on "Mindfulness and the Art of Diabetes Management" and Steve Herman and Ruth

Garvin spoke on "Fatherhood and Motherhood is Sacred."

Nelson, program manager for Behavioral Health at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, talked about developing an Eastern philosophy with a Zen-like approach to pain and coping with life-long diseases.

"I'm a reverse 'Twinkie,'" he said. "I have a mindset that is Asian and white on the outside."

Mindfulness is being alert and being able to listen, not only with your mind, but with your heart and belly, he said.

Nelson said he had panic attacks as a child and was prescribed drugs that made him feel like a zombie. As an alternative, he took martial arts classes which, along with the Eastern philosophy, had a calming effect on him.

"The mind is so powerful," he said. "Everything is created with thought. Mindfulness is control of bodily functions. Every thought you have

determines the health of your body. The key thing to know is that we can repair ourselves."

He offered an equation, which says "Pain" times "Resistance" equals "Suffering." The numbers are figured on a 1-10 basis, just like a doctor uses to rate a patient's pain level.

"Let's say you pain level is a five," Nelson said. "But if your resistance to that pain is a zero, then your suffering will be a zero because five times zero is zero."

Pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional, he said.

There are certain mental exercises a person can do to help to listen with the body with the whole spirit and the power of position. Directing participants to stand, Nelson asked that each person visualize growing roots from each person's feet into the floor, or earth, as a basic "rooting" exercise to bring peace of mind and strength.

He also incorporated Zen meditation into a daily routine.

"Zen is like driving a car. Your focus is on the road, but you're watching the scenery," he said. "Breathing is the road. You bring your thoughts back to the road."

Nelson suggests meditating 20 minutes per day so a person may respond to stress, but not react to stress.

Suffering with diabetes is mindsets, one that people choose, often unintentionally, but do so because their energy is focused on it.

"You get what you focus on," he said. "If you focus on diabetes, then that is what your mind is on."

The mind thinks in pictures and there are no pictures for the words "not" or "don't." He told the audience "Don't think about a baboon with a big red butt." Everyone laughed.

"Of course you pictured a baboon with a big red

butt, even though you were told not to," he said. "The subconscious mind is 100 times more powerful than the conscious mind."

Similarly, it doesn't work to tell people not to think about pain because when the word is mentioned, people automatically think about it. Instead, people should use the words "discomfort" or "uncomfortable."

How to manage diabetes through mindfulness?

"Stop overreacting," Nelson said. "Stop destructing yourself and choose a new path. Stop resisting and trust that healing is happening."

People afflicted with diabetes should say, "Hi diabetes (or whatever problem). Come in and watch me," he said. "Invite this problem into our lives and focus on what you can control, using trust and faith."

"Connect with energy and connect with earth. Let the healing begin."

Ho-Chunk Nation opens a Green Bay Branch Office

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On November 5, the Ho-Chunk Nation opened a branch office in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The new office is located at 1047 9th Street, formerly an auto repair shop and about one mile from Lambeau Field. This is the first branch office for the Green Bay area.

District III Legislator, Heather Cloud, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Open House/Ribbon Cutting. An Oneida color guard carried in the colors as a group of Ho-Chunk singers sang a Welcome song. The Traditional Chief, Clayton Wineshiek, was present to offer the opening prayer.

Ho-Chunk Nation President, Jon Greendeer, spoke about

the occasion. He spoke about how the Ho-Chunk Nation had a presence in the Green Bay area. He said, "It's a new generation of Ho-Chunk presence in the area. And we probably won't feel it until the next generation comes up."

Hope Smith, the other District III Legislator, also made remarks about the occasion. She talked about the growth of tribal members and participation in the area. She said, "When we first started having meetings, they would only last for about ten minutes. Now they go for about three hours. We don't get out of here until 9 or 9:30 pm." She added, "I told the tribal members who live here, they are lucky to be so close to our place of origin. My parent took me to the Red



Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer at Ribbon Cutting/Open House for the new Green Bay Branch Office. He was joined by Pam Wilber, Rep. Cloud, Oneida Council member Ninham, Oneida Chairman Delgado, Rep. Smith, Pres. Greendeer, Green Bay Mayor Schmidt, Traditional Chief Clayton Wineshiek, Susan Greengrass.



Green Bay, Jim Schmidt, receives a Pendleton blanket from Chief Wineshiek.

Banks and told me about its significance. And I took my children and grandchildren."

The mayor of Green Bay, Jim Schmidt, was in attendance for the Open House/Ribbon Cutting ceremony. He was excited and looked forward to working with the Ho-Chunk Nation on projects. He said, "I look forward to building a partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation. I hope we work on projects together; that's how we build a partnership, by working together. We have the same

goals. We want to take care of our environment. Protecting the environment is important. I look forward to more visit to this location. I'll stop by for a cup of coffee and visit."

Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Tribal Chairman, Ed Delgado, was also in attendance for the Open House/Ribbon Cutting ceremony. He addressed the attendees and expressed his thanks for being invited to the ceremony.

The dignitaries gathered in front of the building for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Those present were: Pamela Wilber, Green Bay Branch Office Manager; Heather Cloud, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator; Paul Ninham, Oneida Council member; Ed Delgado, Oneida Tribal Chairman, Hope Smith, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator; Jon Greendeer, Ho-Chunk Nation President; Jim Schmidt, Green Bay Mayor; Clayton Wineshiek, Traditional Chief of the Ho-Chunk Nation; Susan Greengrass, Green Bay Branch Office Administrative Assistant.

Ho-Chunk Gaming sponsors Wisconsin Badgers Homecoming

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

On October 27, the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin sponsored the Wisconsin Badgers Homecoming game against Michigan State Spartans. The Badgers lost the game in overtime when Michigan State quarterback, Andrew Maxell, threw a 12 yard touchdown pass to Bennie Fowler. Nevertheless, it was an unforgettable day for two Ho-Chunk tribal member veterans.

Harry and Walter Whitehorse received a Brett Bielema autographed game day football. The two were joined on the field, and on the jumbotron, by Brian Ziegler, President of Badger Honor Flight, and Sean Frazier, UW Deputy Athletic

Director. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin determined that the Badger Honor Flight, which is also sponsored by Ho-Chunk Gaming and the Ho-Chunk Nation, would be the organization to receive the game ball.

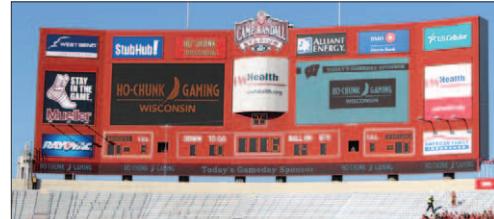
Nehomah Thundercloud, Public Relations Sr. Manager at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, said, "Because we were the Corporate Game Day Sponsor, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin had 100 seats. Those were split between Madison and Dells facilities. The Dells invited their high rollers and a guest. We had about 40 from Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. Madison issued their tickets to their high rollers but most didn't come to the tailgate



tent."

Badger Honor Flight is a regional affiliate of National Honor Flight which flies WWII and terminally ill veterans to Washington D.C. to visit veteran memorial sites. The veterans are provided with flights, meals, and lodging free of charge as thanks for their service. This year Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin and the Ho-Chunk Nation were the first ever organization to be flight sponsors for 85 veterans who made the trip to Washington D.C.

Brian Ziegler, President of Badger Honor Flight, Walter Whitehorse, Harry Whitehorse, Sean Frazier, UW Deputy Athletic Director



Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin was well represented as the Corporate Game Day Sponsor of the Wisconsin Badger football.



Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin was the Corporate Game Day Sponsor of the 2012 Wisconsin Badger Homecoming game.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
KOHL CENTER – MADISON,
WI
OCTOBER 9, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Jon Greendeer (P)
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (9:42)
Rep. Susan Weber (P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (P)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (9:18) Rep. James Greendeer (EX)
Rep. John Holst (9:10)
Rep. Hope Smith (AB)
Rep. Heather Cloud (10:04) Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P) Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum is established.
OPENING PRAYER: Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit offered a prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to approve the agenda as amended to include presentation from Mr. Mike Uitman after approval of agenda; add item g. Law Enforcement Center under New Business; and address a District 5 and a District 2 Request under item e. District Concern under New Business. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Mike Uitman gave a presentation to the Legislature regarding the Nation's sponsorship and where the Nation's support is reflected in Wisconsin Badger athletics.

Rep. John Holst arrives at 9:10 a.m.
Rep. Andrea Estebo arrives at 9:18 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the September 25, 2012, Legislature Meeting minutes with corrections on page 2, spelling of "Barofsky"; page 4, take the space out of Rep. Whiterabbit's last name; page 5, take the space out of the word "basketball"; page 9, spelling of "Lastrup". Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **8-0-1(Rep. Littlejohn) Motion Carried.**

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development Committee:
MOTION by Rep. Douglas Greengrass to approve the August 23, 2012 Development Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. John Holst.

6-1(Rep. Two Bears)-2(Reps. Littlejohn, Weber) Motion Carried.

MOTION by Rep. Douglas Greengrass to approve the September 27, 2012 Development Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. John Holst. **8-1(Rep. Two Bears)-0 Motion Carried.**

Vice President Greg Blackdeer arrives at 9:42 a.m.

Finance Committee:
MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to strike the last motion on page 7 of the September 26, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **6-2(Reps. Two Bears, Holst)-2(Rep. Estebo, V.P. Blackdeer) Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to add to the agenda the Elder Furniture Data Report from the Department of Housing to the agenda and to keep this item on the Legislative Agenda as a standing item. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. **8-1(Rep. Two Bears)-1(V.P. Blackdeer) Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the September 26, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections on page 6, spelling of "Littlejohn"; page 7, last two motion Rep. Susan Weber was out of the room and will need to correct vote. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **8-0-2(V.P. Blackdeer, Rep. Estebo) Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the October 1, 2012 Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **8-0-2(Rep. Littlejohn, Greengrass) Motion Carried.**

Selection of Investment Advisor for Long Term Portfolio:

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 10-09-12A Authorizing Robert W. Baird to be the Investment Advisor for the Long Term Portfolio. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle.

Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel, stated that these resolutions are fine - but they all approve the vendor and approve signature of the actual agreement with them. Have the terms of those agreements been reviewed by Treasury and DOJ? Have those terms been noted to the Legislature? I assume all of these agreements contain provisions about dispute resolution, arbitration and/or a limited waiver of sovereign immunity. If that is the case, then I suggest that any resolution note that the Legislature expressly waives immunity consistent with the terms of the agreement.

Motion and Second Withdrawn.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to select Robert W. Baird to be the Investment Advisor for the Long Term Portfolio. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle. **7-2(Reps. Whiterabbit, Holst)-1(Rep. Littlejohn) Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Appropriation & Budget Act:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to table the Appropriation & Budget Act. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Financial Disclosure:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to table the Financial Disclosure until 1:00 p.m. this afternoon. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**
Rep. Heather Cloud arrives at 10:04 a.m.

Suitability Waiver:

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 10-09-12A Granting a Suitability Waiver for Case No. WV12-011.

Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **4-2(Reps. Whiterabbit, Two Bears)-5(Reps. Red Eagle, Visintin, Greengrass, Cloud, Weber) Motion Carried.**

Waize Wastewater Commission:

MOTION by V.P. Greg Blackdeer to appoint Katie Fumaker as the Legislative representative on the Waize Wastewater Commission. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9-0-2(Reps. Visintin, Greengrass) Motion Carried.**

iGaming Language to Gaming Ordinance Update:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer the NIIGA Internet Gaming and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act: A Discussion Paper – Model Internet Gaming Provisions for Tribal Gaming Ordinances to the Internet Gaming Workgroup. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Lynwood:

Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel, updated the Legislature. Mr. Barofsky will go through with an architect, who might make recommendations on what the Nation wants to do with the property. Pastor Munsee lawyer continues to call for consideration of a church. Michael stated he will inform Pastor Munsee he is not being invited for presenting until Legislature states otherwise.

Elder Furniture Data Report:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table the Elder Furniture Data Report until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 Indian Housing Plan:

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to table the 2013 Indian Housing Plan until later this afternoon. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Gaming Commissioner Appointment:

This resolution is that the Legislature appointed Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner to finish the term of a former Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner, whose term expires on June 30, 2014.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 10-09-12B Appointment of Fletcher Collins as a Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **5-1(Rep. Weber)-5(Reps. Two Bears, Whiterabbit, Greengrass, Red Eagle, V.P. Blackdeer) Motion Carried.**

NOTE: Position is declined by Mr. Fletcher Collins, per discussion at the October 23, 2012 Legislative Meeting.

Per Capita Declaration for November 1, 2012:

This resolution is that the Legislature declare a per capita distribution will be made to Tribal members in accordance with the Nation's Per Capita Distribution Ordinance (2HCC §12).

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 10-09-12D Appropriation for District Halloween Parties. Second by Rep. John Holst. **4-5(Reps. Weber, Greengrass, Whiterabbit, Red Eagle, Littlejohn)-1(V.P. Blackdeer) Motion Defeated.**

to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 10-09-12C Per Capita Declaration for November 1, 2012. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Proposed Amendments to the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance:

This resolution is that the Legislature reaffirms and restates the appropriation of \$1,598,795.00 out of the Nation's Unexpended Funds for the Nation's Law Enforcement Project, and that \$790,000.00 shall be claimed under the credit provision of the Payments for Public Works provision of the Third Amendment of the gaming compact.

c. Funds in the CTF of a minor or legally incompetent Member may be available for

the benefit of a beneficiary's health, education, and welfare when: (1) the needs of such person are not being met from other Tribal funds or other state or federal public

entitlement programs or (2) the parents or legal guardians utilize such funds for the beneficiary's tuition to private educational institutions, and upon a finding of special need by the Ho-Chunk Trial Court; When hearing requests for CTF funds for purposes of funding private educational costs for such beneficiary Members, petitioners in the Trial Court shall not be required to prove that state public education does not meet the needs of said

Member; and

This resolution is that the Legislature amends the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance to paragraph 7a as follows, with new language underlined:

a. All members of the Ho-Chunk Nation that are on the Tribal rolls shall be eligible to receive per capita distributions. Such distributions shall be made in an equal amount of money to each Tribal member eligible to receive a per capita distribution pursuant to this Ordinance.

Once a member reaches the age of eighteen (18), they shall be eligible to receive such distributions on the basis stated in Paragraph 9a.

Payments; provided, that said Tribal member shall not be eligible to receive funds deposited to their Children's Trust Account until they have satisfied the requirements of Paragraph 8 of this law;

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to place the two proposed amendment to the *Per Capita Distribution Ordinance* out for forty-five day comment period. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle. **4-6(Reps. Two Bears, Weber, Visintin, Greengrass, Whiterabbit, V.P. Blackdeer)-1(Rep. Holst) Motion Defeated.**

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to table the proposed amendments to paragraph 8c of the *Per Capita Distribution Ordinance* until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. John Holst. **8-2(Reps. Two Bears, Whiterabbit)-1(Rep. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to amend the agenda to add Arvina Martin to the agenda. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Scott Kingswan:

MOTION by Rep. Douglas Greengrass to refer to the Finance Committee the Scott Kingswan request and that Mr. Kingswan give a presentation. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

(Rep. Littlejohn out of the room).

Arvina Martin:

Ms. Arvina Martin addressed the Legislature regarding a voter protection team to ensure Tribal members are informed of non-partisan issues for the upcoming election.

2013 Indian Housing Plan:

This resolution is that the Legislature hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2013 Indian Housing Plan prepared by Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency, as the Nation's Tribally Designated Housing Entity, and authorizes submission of the plan to HUD.

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 10-09-12G Approval of the Fiscal Year 2013 Indian Housing Plan and Authorization to Submit to HUD. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to amend the agenda to add Arvina Martin to the agenda. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Reps. Holst, Visintin, Red Eagle arrive at 12:49 p.m.

There was discussion regarding a Privacy Law should be in conjunction with this Financial Disclosure amendment. The Code of Ethics Act is out for a forty-five day comment period and this could be forward with those comments.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 10-09-12H Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation *Code of Ethics Act* Regarding Financial Disclosures. **Motion Dies Due to Lack of Second.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

(Rep. Estebo out of the room). The meeting went into Executive Session at 12:58 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to return to Open Session. Second by V.P. Greg Blackdeer. **11-0-0 Motion Carried. The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:43 p.m.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to ratify action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adjourn with the next meeting to take place at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI on Wednesday, October 24, 2012. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

NOTE: This meeting date was changed to October 23, 2012 and notice was posted, per the *Open Meetings Act*.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary
Vicki Shisler, Recording Secretary

Ho-Chunk Nation
Veterans Supportive Housing

(Rep. Two Bears out of the room).

Travel Approvals: No Action Needed.

Law Enforcement Center:

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MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to refer to the Finance Committee and that a Special Meeting be called for Tuesday, October 23, 2012. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin.

11-0-0 Motion Carried.

NOTE: This meeting date was changed to October 22, 2012 and notice was posted, per the *Open Meetings Act*.

PRESERVATION:

Mr. Bo Ryan, UW-Madison Basketball Coach, addressed the Legislature regarding the Nation's history of UW Madison Athletes.

RECESS:

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting back to order at 12:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Jon Greendeer (P)

Vice President Greg Blackdeer (P)

Rep. Susan Weber (P)

Rep. Douglas Greengrass (P)

Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)

Rep. James Greendeer (EX)

Rep. John Holst (12:49)

Rep. Hope Smith (AB)

Rep. Heather Cloud (P)

Rep. Shelby Visintin (12:49)

Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)

Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)

Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (12:49)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum is established.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Financial Disclosure:

This quick passage resolution was amendments to the *Code of Ethics Act*, specifically by inserting a new paragraph 14 entitled "Disclosures by Members of the Legislature".

Reps. Holst, Visintin, Red Eagle arrive at 12:49 p.m.

There was discussion regarding a Privacy Law should be in conjunction with this Financial Disclosure amendment. The Code of Ethics Act is out for a forty-five day comment period and this could be forward with those comments.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 10-09-12 Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation *Code of Ethics Act* Regarding Financial Disclosures. **Motion Dies Due to Lack of Second.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

(Rep. Estebo out of the room). The meeting went into Executive Session at 12:58 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to return to Open Session. Second by V.P. Greg Blackdeer. **11-0-0 Motion Carried. The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:43 p.m.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to ratify action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Corey M. Smith, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-71

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Corey M. Smith

You are hereby notified that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See *RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT OR ORDER*, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6.

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Veterans Day observed with Pow Wow at Volk Field

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk veterans and family came together for the 35th annual Veteran's Day Pow-Wow on Nov. 10 at Volk Field, Camp Douglas. It was sponsored by Descendants of Red Arrow and Friends (DORA).

Mike Day served as emcee for the event. He introduced

Lt. Colonel Gene Essex, who gave a welcome to the post.

During the raising of the flags ceremony, four flags were raised in honor of four veterans. The first flag was dedicated to Andrew Thundercloud Sr., Marine veteran of World War II. The second flag was dedicated to Richard J. Day, Army veteran who also served in

World War II. The third flag was for William Hall, Army veteran who served during the Vietnam and Iraq wars. The fourth flag was in honor of Villas J. Miner who served in the Army.

The keynote speaker, Mark T. Lesko, American Legion state membership chairman, told his story of serving in Vietnam. He talked about how he lost a lot of friends during combat. He also spoke about the need of veterans to visit memorials, such as The Highground Veterans Memorial Park near Neillsville and the WWII, Korea and Vietnam memorials in Washington, D.C.

The program progressed with the Pow Wow Grand Entry, followed by songs and dances for each of the U.S. branches of military.

In addition to the observance at Volk Field, Veterans Day ceremonies were held at each of the Ho-Chunk Gaming sites on Sunday.



Anya Greendeer receives some help from her father, David, when dressing in her regalia.



Bobby Bird shows his skills in dancing during the 35th Annual Veterans Day Pow Wow.



Katelyn and Victor Bird adorn colorful regalia at the Veteran's Day Pow Wow.



Members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post #129 help with the raising of the flags during the beginning of the ceremony.



Officials leading the ceremony are (from left) Mike Day, Lt. Colonel Gene Essex and Quentin Thundercloud.

ANGER MANAGEMENT 2 Corrective Thinking Class



The Social Services Domestic Violence Program is offering a **Corrective Thinking Class** to be held on:

Thursday, December 6, 2012
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Location: Social Services Building/BRF

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Learn simple effective tools in corrective thinking from a certified anger management specialist

- Recognize and learn techniques to adjust thinking patterns that lead conflicts.
- Think before you speak. Who gets hurt?

snacks will be served

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Red Gorilla Army performs alongside Wiz Khalifa

Marlon WhiteEagle

Editor

On November 26, the Red Gorilla Army performed at the Rave in Milwaukee, Wisconsin alongside Wiz Khalifa. The night was a stop for Wiz Khalifa's 2050 Tour and a step up for the largely Ho-Chunk rap group, Red Gorilla Army.

The Red Gorilla Army is Ho-Chunk tribal members: brothers, Tyler (Zura) and Ryan (Tomahawk Kid) Cloud, Jamieson Patterson (Takac), and Benjamin Hopinkah (Benny Hana). They are joined by K-Block and Sir Lin-Z to complete the RGA.

Zura said, "Our name is Red Gorilla Army: red because we are redskins or the red man, gorilla because they possess brute strength. Also playing off how the city (where rap originates) is referred to as the concrete jungle; we are from the "woodland" jungle."

RGA performed on a pay to play stage. Zura said, "One

of the members talked with the owner of the Rave to see if we could get in that night to perform. Bro Ryan is second in command. He put up the money to get us on the stage." Justin Moralez, Promotion Director at the Rave, said, "There's an approval process. We use the side stages like Major League Baseball uses the Minor Leagues or farm leagues. When it's time to book bands with national acts, We look at those that performed on the bar stages to fill the bill."

The Red Gorilla Army performed a thirty minute set which included songs One Day, Let Me Know, and I'm So Hot. Let Me Know was the crowd favorite. RGA has an underground album being prepared from distribution.

Since the performance at the Rave, the Red Gorilla Army has additional performances at the Dynasty Club in Wisconsin Dells and at Good Time Charlies in



Red Gorilla Army performed alongside Wiz Khalifa

Wisconsin Rapids. At the Dynasty Club, they hosted a fundraiser for missing member, Gene "Breezy" Cloud's daughter, Wazoni. Zura said, "We raise \$170.00 at the door and \$272.00 total. We were also selling a hat

with RGA on the front and "Young Sav" on the back. Besides Breezy, he liked to be called Young Sav, short for savage. All the money went directly to Gene's daughter. So she can have milk, diapers, or whatever she needed."

Zura concluded by saying, "It was a good experience. To be there and do what we love to do." Keep your eye open for a Red Gorilla Army performance near you.

Hat Maker

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"I think people appreciate who I am," he says. "What people want is to make sure that you know what you're doing."

His small-town attitude and comforting tone resonates with customers. The word sincerity comes to mind.

"To me, what makes me a good hatter is I'm going to make it fit the person. If I do that, then I've made a good hat," he says.

Funmaker's hats go all over the country — New York, Chicago, California, Oklahoma and Colorado mountain towns like Telluride. He says "it's cool" to sell his

hats to celebrities but it's the locals and the working folks that leave an impression.

"What I enjoy more is the person who buys a hat and appreciates a good hat and will wear it. Taking care of a hat doesn't mean not wearing it," he says.

Funmaker doesn't make fancy hats. No rhinestones, beads or other decorations. A hat-band can be added but nothing designed into the hat.

"I make traditional hats. That's what I like," he says.

His hats are made of rabbit or beaver fur or a blend of the two. The fur comes from Tennessee via Canada. These are high-end hats costing as much as \$800. These are quality hats.

"A lot of my customers will never know what these hats can go through. The hat is made to last and be a working hat," he says.

That's why he takes pride in making hats for the working crowd. As he puts it — the people who "live in their hat, a hat that's not for fun, it's for function."

Nate was born in Wisconsin and is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation tribe. He traveled around the Mancos area when he was doing forestry work years ago, and decided the small town would be a good place to hang his hat.

As a Native American, Nate enjoys the Native American culture of the area.

"I'm obviously not the same tribe, but I like being amongst natives, I enjoy being surrounded by culture. I dig it," he says.

Nate loves that his craft allows a customer to meet the person who makes the product.

"Think about it. Do we know who made our jeans or boots or shirt. No, but people who buy my hats will know who made their hat," he says. "They get to meet the maker."

Now wearing his gray cowboy hat, Funmaker wipes sweat from his brow brought on by the steamer.

He names off a number of local cowboys, horse people and other locals who come to him for their hats.

These are the working people that wear hats for function. Protection from the sun or the rain or other elements as they take to the pasture, the corral, the sale

barn or the arena.

"I like the idea (of being a cowboy), I really dig that," he says. "But that's not who I am. That's not the way I was raised — why pretend to be something I'm not?"

Nate Funmaker is a craftsman not a cowboy.

Nate Funmaker is a hat maker.

Dennis Quaid for the recent TV drama *Las Vegas*. Josh Bernstein from *History Channels "Digging for the Truth"*. Kareem Abdul Jabbar. Bob Dylan. *Wild Wild West* movie (for Will Smith, Kevin Kline, and Ted Levine) the movie *Indian in the Cupboard* (for David Keith) the Royal family of Jordan. Robert Duvall for *Geronimo* the movie. *Bristol County Jr.* Tv series for Bruce Campbell Barry Sonnenfeld, director and producer. Jeff Daniels actor.

Great Rivers 2-1-1 – November 2012 column

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Bribery scandal

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prison.

For Counts 2-4 and 6-10: causing another to agree to give bribe and soliciting a bribe, Whiteagle was sentenced to 30 months per count concurrent, but consecutive to Count 1.

Counts 13 and 14, filing a false income tax return, Whiteagle was sentenced to 30 months per count concurrent, but consecutive to Count 1.

The total of the charges equals 120 months in prison, which is 10 years. Whiteagle will have access to the medical facility, able to attend substance abuse programs and can be part of a work release program. He will have to pay restitution of \$162,854 for taxes owed to the IRS.

"Not having economic means to pay this, you may make payments of \$250 a month upon 30 days after release," Judge Conley said.

Also, Whiteagle will need to pay \$1,200 for a criminal assessment survey; there will be no interest charged on the restitution.

Since Whiteagle is not a flight risk, he can remain in the community and he needs to appear to serve his sentence between noon and 2 p.m. on November 26. Any breach of the agreement will result in his arrest.

"I hope you use your time in prison to better yourself and to learn to live an honorable life," he said. "Allow the pride to return to yourself, your family and the Ho-Chunk Nation."

Following the sentencing Reynolds said that he will appeal the decision.



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This is to advise you that the Superintendent, Winnebago Agency has made the decision to convey your undivided interest in Tract 161L – Charles Fisher Allotment to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. The property is described as E½SE¼ of Section 12, Township 26 North, Range 8 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Thurston County, Nebraska containing 80 acres more or less. This conveyance deed will be signed on your behalf by the Superintendent, Winnebago Agency to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska under the provision of the Indian Land Consolidation Act at 25 U.S.C. §2204. This decision may be appealed to the Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Regional Office, 115 4th Avenue, S.E., Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 in accordance with the regulations in 25 CFR Part 2, within 30 days after this public notice has been issued. Your notice of appeal must include your name, address and telephone number and give the reasons why the land sale must not be completed. The notice and the envelope should be clearly marked "Notice of Appeal", your notice should list the names and addresses of the interested persons (other co-owners in this allotment) known to you and you must verify that you have sent them copies of your appeal. The verification is done by mailing the notice by certified mail. If you do not appeal within the 30 day time frame, this decision will become final for the Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs-Winnebago Agency. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Flores, Realty Officer or LaVerne Parker, Realty Specialist at 402-878-2475 or toll free 1-877-215-5936.

Ho-Chunk Nation
Law Enforcement Commission
Commissioner/Alternate Position Vacancies

Shawano County Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner

The Ho-Chunk Members of Shawano County have a County-Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement and shall select a Commissioner and an Alternate Commissioner from Shawano County, by majority vote. The Alternate Commissioner shall serve only in the absence of the Commissioner. The Ho-Chunk Legislature shall confirm the appointments of the Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner.

The Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner shall serve a two (2) year term and shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Qualifications

A Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner shall meet the following qualifications:

- i. A member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- ii. At least twenty-five (25) years of age.
- iii. A resident of the county of representation for at least one (1) year.
- iv. A satisfactory background investigation shall be required. Any felony conviction within the immediately preceding ten (10) years would prohibit any person from serving on the Commission unless waived by the Legislature when the person has demonstrated and shown that his/her prior activities do not pose a threat to the credibility and integrity of the Commission.
- v. Not an employee of a law enforcement department.
- vi. Not an immediate family member of either the Attorney General or the member attorney from the Department of Justice.

For more information, please see the Law Enforcement Commission Establishment and Organization Act.

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Shakespeare for a New Generation is a component of Shakespeare in American Communities that reaches middle- and high-school students in underserved schools throughout the United States with high-quality, professional productions of Shakespeare's plays.

Arts Midwest invites proposals from nonprofit professional theater companies to perform works by Shakespeare for middle- and high-school students between August 1, 2013 and July 30, 2014. Matching grants will be awarded to up to 40 theater companies to support performances and educational activities for students from a minimum of 10 schools. Applicant review will be based on artistic excellence and artistic merit.

Application deadline: February 21, 2013

Visit the website to review the Request for Proposals. Applications must be completed through the Shakespeare in American Communities eGrant.

Optional: Send an email to shakespeare@artsmidwest.org on or before January 16, 2013 telling us that your company plans to apply to the program. No other information is needed. This is not required, nor is it binding.

Contact

If you have questions about the program or the contents of this proposal, please contact Christy Dickinson, senior program director at Arts Midwest, at 612.238.8019 or shakespeare@artsmidwest.org

Ho-Chunk DAY

Tomah Fairgrounds

November 23, 2012

10:00a-4:00p

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There are over **6,000** people in Wisconsin living with HIV or AIDS!

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HHCDA at Tomah,
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Agenda items by noon, Nov. 15, 2012
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222
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Chuck Buswell (left), publicity director for Project Christmas, accepts a \$5,000 check on Nov. 1 from Collin Price, representing the Ho-Chunk Nation's Tribal Contributions Committee. This is the third year the Tribal Contributions Committee has donated \$5,000 for Project Christmas. Previously, the donation amount was \$1,000 each year, which was donated for about 20 years from Ho-Chunk Nation's Majestic Pine Casino, Price said. This is the 28th year for Project Christmas, providing assistance to Jackson County households that may be experiencing difficult times. Packages of food, clothing and toys will be delivered to families on Saturday, Dec. 17.

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AND THE FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ayanna Upchurch

Ayanna has been playing softball since she was 3 years old and has been playing competitively since she was 7. She plays on a competitive team from Madison - the Mad City Kao and they won the ASA State Championship August 3-4, 2012. Ayanna plays at shortstop, second base, left field and has recently started pitching. The week prior to winning the Wisconsin ASA State Champion title, Ayanna played with her old softball team from Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Slapjacks, at the 11 & Under USSSA World Series in Des Moines, IA. She spent a week in Des Moines, having fun and visiting with her old teammates and coaches. The girls battled hard, but ended up struggling after a costly rain delay. They had a great week playing together out on the field and received 5th place in the Nation in their age category!!!!

Ayanna's ultimate goal is to one day play for the USA Softball Team. She wants to go to college at the University of Oklahoma, Arizona State or Stanford. She would like to study medicine and be a Cardiologist when she grows up. Ayanna not only excels out on the playing field but in the classroom as well. Ayanna maintained a 3.93 GPA last year in 6th grade. She is a member of the band and plays the flute. She auditioned for the play and received one of the leading roles in the 6th grade play. Ayanna also received 1st place in the District Spelling Bee. She went to the archery nationals in Louisville, Kentucky with her fellow Spring Hill Middle School Archery team. She had a very successful first year of middle school and we look forward to what accomplishments she receives this year.

Ayanna's favorite subjects in school are Math, English, Science, Art, Health class, Band, Spanish---"well, all of them!" she said. Ayanna always gives forth her best effort in whatever she does, she is a good role model and big sister to her three younger brothers - Xavier, Tyrus and Jevon.

Ayanna is a 7th grader at Spring Hill Middle School in Wisconsin Dells. We love you Bear and keep up the great work!!

With Love from your family,
Mom, Dad, Xman, Haynzie & Haga



"For the Clan Mothers"

I would like to thank the "Clan Mothers" of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The encouragement plus the words that were said. I listened to every word each Clan Mother had to say to me.

So I would like to give you Clan Mothers a big pinagigi for being here in my time of need. The Clan Mothers gave me a different outlook in my life. Life goes on.



A big pinagigi to the Clan Mothers I give my best,
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Blackdeer hopes to inspire young pool players

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

When many people think of playing pool, they imagine questionable characters standing around tables in a seedy, smoke-filled backstreet barroom.

That's an image of the sport Lance Blackdeer wants everyone to forget. He'd prefer people to have a more positive view of pool and billiards.

"I want people to get an introduction to real pool – the pool most people don't know," Blackdeer said. "Many people have a negative impression of pool. People who play well are often termed "pool sharks," which is such a negative term."

Blackdeer is attempting to organize a billiards and pool demonstration offered by Charlie Williams, also known as the Korean Dragon, of Dragon Promotions of Florida.

"I want to do something for the Ho-Chunk tribe, to do something for both the kids and the parents," he said.

Williams is responsible for conducting pool and billiards events around the world and is one of the facilitators for major championships.

During the demonstration event suggested for the Ho-Chunk Nation, Williams would provide audiences with trick shots, challenge games and conduct a clinic to educate interested pool players on all levels.

"It would be a goodwill charitable event" Williams said.

Blackdeer and Williams developed a friendship through Facebook, when they discussed organizing a tournament in Wisconsin. Eventually, about a year ago, Williams came to the state and the two met and began a discussion of event planning.

"This would be an introduction to real pool, which most people don't know," he said. "This is about real pool and real pool players. I'd use it as an initial spark to build upon."

In the future, Lance might try to create a more organized training and league of pool players.

One of his possible goals would be to develop a junior league for younger pool players.

"It would be great to have a Ho-Chunk qualifier," he said. "There's not one Native American on the pool tour."



Local pool enthusiasts (from left) Stacy Yellowcloud, Lewis Frogg, Charlie Williams, Lance Blackdeer hope their love for the game will inspire others to learn the craft of playing pool.

There's a large participation in pool worldwide, with competitions held in the Philippines, China, Korea, etc.

Williams believes that pool programs for youth will give them a purpose and direction in life, keeping them from developing bad behavior, such as drug use and affiliations with gangs.

"I grew up in a rough neighborhood," Williams said. "I've played pool since I was 12, playing with people

who were two decades older than me. It kept me out of drugs and gangs. Every day after school I was doing my homework and shooting pool."

He attended the local Boys and Girls Club, and every facility has at least one pool table.

"A lot of people have trouble viewing pool as a sport. There's a lot of thinking involved. It's a combination of chess and physical ability. You have to control the balls through a cue stick. It's a combination of skill, art and thinking. Once a kid figures out that he can perform with a cue stick, it's a good feeling. It teaches a person to be smart and self disciplined."

Although Blackdeer has thought about developing pool programs within the Ho-Chunk Nation, he admits it would be difficult because of the distances involved, the time needed and the amount of organization required. But it is something he would like to see developed someday.

"I intend to take smaller steps," he said. "It takes manpower and money, plus getting parents involved is important."

Pool is not a hustling game. It's unique in the fact that anyone can play the game, including young and old, male or female, physically able and people who are disabled. Blackdeer has seen some very accomplished pool players who play from their wheelchairs.

Playing tournaments are completely different than playing pool at home on a casual basis, Blackdeer said. Playing under pressure adds another element, which can be frustrating. But the cure for that is experience in those situations.

"The unique thing is that the game is physical, but not divisive. (Pool players) welcome everybody. That's what is unique to the sport."

Blackdeer has played some professional pool players and he has offered a formidable challenge.

"I've gotten to play some of the better players in the world and I've faired very well," he said.

But Blackdeer hasn't made advances in pool playing alone. Fellow Ho-Chunk members Lewis Frogg and Rick Allen, the Redcloud boys in Nekoosa, Mike Greengrass, Anthony Snowball and Clayton Pembrton have all taken a keen interest in the sport and have often converged to spar for bragging rights.

"On the national level, no Native American player has made it to the professional circuit, but some have come very close," he said. "There are some world-beaters out there."

Maybe with a little training, encouragement, guidance and experience, Blackdeer thinks those players can get into the mainstream pool players.

"Some people try not to call it a sport," he said. "It's just as challenging as any sport, a legitimate sport, with skill levels that have to be achieved."

The sport of pool has taken Blackdeer all over the country, including tournaments in Michigan, Louisiana and Wyoming. In Las Vegas, Blackdeer was even in the top contenders who won money.

"Charlie is the only promoter to come to Native American country. Although there have been professionals to play pool on native land, he is the only one to say he would do something for our community," Blackdeer said.

Williams does have a high ranking in the business, and many such people would look to gain money or other gain, but his main objective is doing charity work.

Blackdeer plays pool mainly in this area, including Black River Falls, Marshfield and La Crosse.

"It's fun to just get out and play," he said.

It would be nice to have a facility nearby, where people like himself and the youth could play without having to go into bars. Perhaps someday when a new community center is constructed, that will be possible.

"Pool tables take up a fair amount of square footage," he said. "But it would be another avenue for the youth."

Thundercloud awarded Junior Champion award by Wazee Riders Horse Club

Submitted by Michelle Ramberg

Tribal member and Neillsville eighth grader, Jamyn R. Thundercloud was awarded Junior Champion during the annual banquet of the Wazee Riders Horse Club held September 29, 2012 in Black River Falls. Jamyn was awarded a belt buckle for her efforts. Riding since the age of 3, she started out on her now 23 year old Arab gelding, Shadow and progressed to

Reserve Champion within the Western Wisconsin Horse Show Association as a tiny tot. Jamyn now rides her new horse, Gambler, a 16 year old mare that was purchased in April of 2012. "I didn't expect to do this well this year," stated the 13 year old. "It was the first year with my new horse and we needed time to get used to each other", stated Thundercloud.

She and her horse attend several shows throughout the spring and summer and

enjoy poles, barrels, and the flag game which is her favorite. Her local club shows at the Jackson County Fairgrounds on Thursday nights throughout the summer months. Jamyn would like to express a special thank you to her family & friends who support her. She is the daughter of Zachary Thundercloud of Black River Falls and Michelle Ramberg of Neillsville.

